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Five Homicide Victims to Receive Justice

Rochester, NY- Twenty-three year old Michael Walton, 28 year old Amber Favasuli, and 20 year old Michael Weber had little in common before today, when a Monroe County Grand Jury indicted all three on charges relating to the deaths of five individuals in separate cases. Though it is not uncommon for a single grand jury to hear homicide cases involving more than one defendant, three distinct and unrelated cases involving fatalities is unusual.

The following briefly details each of the cases considered by the grand jury.

Defendant: Michael Weber

Indicted on charges of Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, Vehicular Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, and Driving While Intoxicated for his role in the death of Joel A. Ajavon, 20, of Pittsford in the early morning hours of August 26th. On that date, Weber, who was intoxicated, was allegedly operating his vehicle at a high rate of speed when he lost control of the car and left the roadway before striking a tree. Ajavon was pronounced dead at the scene.

Weber, who was seriously injured in the crash, was arrested at Strong Memorial Hospital and charged in Ajavon's death. Weber will be prosecuted by DWI Bureau Chief Raymond Benitez. He is being held in Monroe County Jail and will be arraigned in the coming days.

Defendant: Michael Walton

Indicted on three counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree for the shooting deaths of Cesar Ostolaza on December 1, 2009, Adjaukumar Graham on February 25, 2013, and Shamell Warren on August 3, 2013, all in separate incidents. Walton was arrested on August 12th following an investigation by the Rochester Police Department Major Crimes Unit, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, and NYS Parole. Walton, who remains held in Monroe County Jail without bail, is being prosecuted by Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau Patrick Farrell and Sex Crimes Bureau Chief Elizabeth Buckley. He will be arraigned in the coming days.

Defendant: Amber Favasuli

Indicted on one count of Murder in the Second Degree for the stabbing death of 60 year old Lenard Johnson on August 29th. On that date, Favasuli is accused of entering Johnson's residence located at 1835 St. Paul Street and stabbing him to death in the presence of two children, ages 4 and 5. She was seen leaving the residence covered in blood by witnesses, who reported her whereabouts to police. Favasuli, who is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kyle Rossi, is being held without bail in Monroe County jail and will be arraigned on the charges in the coming days.

"Today, the Grand Jury handed down three separate indictments following the tragic deaths of five members of our community," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to see justice done for the victims of crime and to act as their voice in the courtroom. The ADA's assigned to each of these cases are seasoned, experienced prosecutors who I know share that passion, and I look forward to seeing each of them bring these cases to a proper and just conclusion."

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